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## 10 Flagstaff Winter Awareness Tips: Know Before You Go

**Flagstaff, AZ (**Dec. 2, 2020) – Designated as Arizona's winter wonderland, Flagstaff accumulates an average of 100 inches of snow annually to partake in a multitude of winter activities. Please stay, play, social distance and mask while visiting and adhere to required CDC healthcare travel guideline, business recommendations and varied hours.

Travel safely and know before you go to Flagstaff with these top ten winter awareness tips:

- 1. Call the Snowplay Hotline 1-844-256-SNOW and use the winter recreation map: The winter information hotline at 1-844-256-SNOW is updated daily through the season as conditions change and provides detailed visitor information as winter recreation areas experience operational changes. The winter recreation map is an excellent resource to locate snowplay areas developed by a multi-agency collaboration between the City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona Department of Transportation, the Coconino National Forest and community. Visit discoverflagstaff.com to download the winter recreation map or pick up a map at the Flagstaff Visitor Center at (1 E. Rt. 66) during regular business hours Monday Saturday 8 a.m. 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. 4 p.m.
- 2. Winter Wonderland Webcam: For views of what the weather in downtown Flagstaff is doing in real-time, visit <a href="https://www.flagstaffarizona.org/webcams/">https://www.flagstaffarizona.org/webcams/</a>. This controllable webcam is located on top of the Flagstaff Visitor Center building in the center of historic downtown Flagstaff and allows you to focus the view on the San Francisco Peaks, Route 66, the train tracks or historic Southside.
- 3. **Be prepared:** Travel with cold-weather necessities including plenty of gas in the tank, fully charged cell phone, supply of drinking water, flashlight, and extra batteries. Be sure to pack blankets, gloves, scarves, snacks and medication
- 4. **Safety first:** Slow down, only park in designated areas, do not park along highways, allow for extra time due to road conditions or travel delays.
- 5. **Respect public and private property:** Do not block driveways, entrances or exits, use restrooms prior to arriving at snow play area, play in approved designated areas as shown on the official winter recreation map.
- 6. **Leave no trace:** Keep Flagstaff beautiful, always take trash and all snow play items back to your vehicle for proper storage, recycling or disposal.
- 7. **Have an alternative plan**: Flagstaff offers numerous indoor and outdoor family-friendly winter activities. Stop by the Flagstaff Visitor Center for a customized itinerary.
- 8. **Spend the night:** Weather is unpredictable and conditions can quickly change. Err on the cautious side and plan to stay overnight. There are plenty of family and pet-friendly hotels in Flagstaff. Visit **discoverflagstaff.com** to book your lodging.
- 9. **No parking or stopping on Highway 180:** For public safety the highway is patrolled regularly and violators will be ticketed.
- 10. Visit www.discoverflagstaff.com or the Flagstaff Visitor Center: For Flagstaff's winter wonderland activities.

Enjoy a wonderful winter wonderland experience skiing or snowboarding at *Arizona Snowbowl*, cross country skiing and snowshoeing at *Arizona Nordic Village* and snowplay at *Flagstaff Snow Park* with tubing, hot coco and outdoor fire pits.

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